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For NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING PYRUVATE CARBOXYLASE FROM
CORYNEFORM GLUTAMICUM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

In response to the Office Action (paper 17) mailed
 9 April 2002, please amend the above-identified application as
 follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 52 through 63 and claims 66 - 69.

Add the following claims:

1 -- 70. The isolated pyruvate carboxylase gene defined
 2 in claim 65 with a preceding promoter of the nucleotide sequence
 3 from nucleotide 20 to 109 according to SEQ ID NO:1.

1 71. The isolated pyruvate carboxylase gene according to
 2 claim 65 with a preceding tac promoter.